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EDITORIAL:- 'The outer limits of ufology'

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The following was written some while ago for another magazine in a slightly different format. It was never published and is relevant in view of Bernard Delairs paper at the recent convention.

Just where do the borders of our subject lie? Are there such things? Alright so ufology means ufos. We do not know what ufos are of course but it does define some boundaries. We are looking for solid machines - probably artificial - which traverse our airspace and occasionally land or are we?

Lets assume for a moment that we are. This means we have to be interested in all aspects of them, their physics, chemistry, aerodynamics etc etc. We want to know about the psychology and sociology behind their actions. We need to study statistically and mathematically their shapes, sizes and other parameters. The list can go on. All from assuming UFOs are machines. If we go further and consider specifics then alien machines bring in astronomy, biology etc, machines from a parallel dimension topography and new physical concepts, and machines from this world would involve geography and politics. Obviously we cannot say which, if any, of these theories is correct and so all their related topics are part of ufology. That is why we need all kinds of scientific specialists AND non scientific specialists working on the problem. That is why we MUST get science involved NOW

We began to build this premiss from assuming UFOs were machines, yet we have little evidence to support this. UFOs can be photographed (Yet so do mirages which have no physical substance). UFOs can be tracked on radar (Yet so can various types of atmospheric phenomena to give false impressions of reality). UFOs leave impressions on the ground (Yet so does a bolt of lightening or climatic variations). Marks on the ground do NOT, necessarily, imply that a solid physical body landed there.

So it is important to remember that when we say we do not know what UFOs are we really mean that. We do not mean that we just dont know what kind of machine they are. There are undoubted parallels with psychic phenomena (see Le Poer Trench for example), but there are people who would argue that UFOs and the psychic sublimates one into the other. They will investigate, ghosts, seances and UFOs in one breath. From reading current literature (eg Flying Saucer Review) one might be forgiven for believing that Ufology is disappearing as a subject in its own right and becoming one more psychic science. Relating the Loch Ness monster to UFOs is all very well, but there is as much danger in taking too broad a view of ufology as taking too narrow a one. There are boundaries and we must learn to define them if we are to maintain a sense of proportion.

It is possible with care to decide if a borderline case is ufology or not by noting whether or not there are any ufological parameters in it. NOT similarities with parameters but actual parameters. There is a difference. Unless we specialise our studies we shall just confuse ourselves by bringing in too much. Clearly ufology IS more broadly based than your friendly Venusian riding a super spaceship. Clearly CERTAIN psychic phenomena have something to do with the answer. Yet equally clearly Ufology is a subject in its own right with definite things which are part of it and others which are not. This we must always bear in mind.

Contributions this month: BUFORA, CONTACT, BUFORA Yorks, BUFORA Ireland, DIGAP, FAPURG, MUFORA, SUFORS, UFOSIS, WUFOS, Ian Cresswell, Brian Ratcliffe, Derick Shelton.

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NEWS NOTES:

:: What may prove a very important step towards scientific respectability was taken recently when plans were drawn up between the countries ufologists to form a BRITISH UFO DOCUMENTATION CENTRE. The idea is still in its initial stages but it is hoped to operate this in conjunction with existing organisations without overlap or competition. It would operate similarly to the Center for UFO Studies in the USA (WITHOUT doing any investigation) and would primarily be aimed at allowing scientists to work on ufology outside of the limelight of amateur groups. Its operation would be sophisticated and it would NOT have membership from ordinary ufologists, although all major national organisations would have some representation. More news on developments when announced.

:: The BUFORA Conference, mentioned last month, is going ahead but on the dates ~~NOVEMBER 26th & 27th~~. The venue is still Birmingham. More details when available.

:: NUFON has published its report on 1975. This contains a full catalogue listing of all reports on file, with parametric data for research work. There is also a survey of the year in general and synopses of all unidentified reports on file (totalling 13, or 10%). Available at 20p PLUS RETURN STAMP.

:: NUFON has gathered together a small team of people to form the basis of the publications panel. Work is about to start on the preparation of the proceedings of the Sheffield Convention. Thanks are due to all who have agreed to help.

:: MURO have started work on a project, in conjunction with BUFORA, to index past journals for research data (eg articles). This is part of the preliminary work involved in the BUDC project (see above) which intends to be able to index and cross reference data from British AND foreign magazines. Anyone who has a large store of past journals and would like to help in this valuable resource work should contact Charles Lockwood via MURO or BUFORA.

:: UFOSIS have been preparing some ideas for a possible NUFON group association form (to assist discovering the potential of newly formed groups). If you have any suggestions they would like to hear from you. It is nice to see founder group members Gary and Yvonne Lanham settling down in Canada. Gary has formed close links with local Canadian and US groups, and will be an invaluable liaison for us. He also recommends another new American magazine (available on subscription at seven dollars). This is 'True, UFOs & Flying Saucers' - with factual articles etc:- available from Mailing Dept., 21 West 26th Street, New York, NY 10010

:: Thanks to Bryan Hartley for news from northern Europe of an unusual bolide seen on February 11 1976. It passed over Finland and Russia very slowly, being in view some 100 seconds. Officially it was simply due to its unusual trajectory, but Bryan asks could it have been a UFO incident?

NUFON CONVENTION 1976

Despite the intense misfortune of seeing the original venue (booked over three months in advance) forced to close only six days before the event the convention proved successful. This is largely due to the efforts of Tom Cassinelli, Peter Wakefield and the rest of the team at the Sheffield, Dinnington & Rotherham UFO Research Association - who were this years hosts. The attendance was not exceptional (around 50), but this was not unexpected considering no effort was made to attract the public. This was an afternoon for ufologists. The displays were magnificent and extensive, and thanks are due to all those who assisted here. Some of them (such as that provided by SPUR) were so large one wonders how they got it to Sheffield! The lectures themselves varied in style and content. JOHN LONGHORN (Contact) opened proceedings with a general survey of ufology, TREVOR WHITAKER (Bufora Yorks) highlighted current problems within ufology and suggested ways around them, BERNARD DELAIR (Contact) submitted an epic on monitoring of data and data collation which was read by Jenny Randles and PETER WARRINGTON (MUFORA) closed the programme in lighter vein with a speculative piece on alien entities, contactees and fringe ufology which appeared tongue in cheek but was full of serious possibilities. Perhaps they were too much to take in in one short afternoon, and it was a little disappointing that the subsequent discussions were a little restrained. However, there is much of worth in the proceedings - to be shortly published. On the whole it was the most successful convention to date and it succeeded in getting the norths ufologists together and talking informally. That is what it is all about really. There are things we can learn, and I am sure that whoever hosts the 1977 event (or indeed before since we need not stick to one per year rigidly) it will prove even more successful.

THE BEGINNING OF A 'UFO' FILM: By Nigel Watson (SUFORS)

Filming for 'UFO - The people behind the Unidentified Flying Object mystery' started with the Rossendale Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena (RIGAP) on the evening of March 14 1976. This venture was not, however, without its initial difficulties. On March 12th myself, Keith Beacroft (Lighting) and Roger Hebb (sound) had intended filming UFOSIS in Birmingham. However, we had to postpone their film debut with excuses of extreme exhaustion (having arrived home from London at 5am;) Saturday decided to dawn on the 13th and we had to go to Manchester to shoot DIGAP. We had to drop off someone in Sheffield on the way, and my car exhaust (having different plans) decided to drop off here too! With a few hours help from the R.A.C. we were back on the road, but it was far too late to arrive in Manchester on time. Sunday came, the location someplace near Preston. The group to be filmed was PULSE (who are involved in ley-line work). That was the idea but We managed to track PULSE down, after searching most of the day, but it was too late to do any filming. RIGAP were none too easy to find either, but find them we did. We even got to film them as well - which was certainly a deserved bonus! Since that distant Sunday things have gone a little more smoothly. At the time of writing we need only visit four or five more groups to complete the film. Some groups have been naughty or camera shy, and have not bothered replying to any of my letters. Unless they spring into action immediately they will not be mentioned in the film. I had hoped to have the film ready for premier at the Sheffield convention, but this was too optimistic. I am now aiming for August or September release. Myself and helpers extend grateful thanks to everyone who has, and still are, assisting us in the making of 'UFO'. (Nigels Address should you want to participate is: 1 Angerstein Rd, Scunthorpe DN17 2LZ)

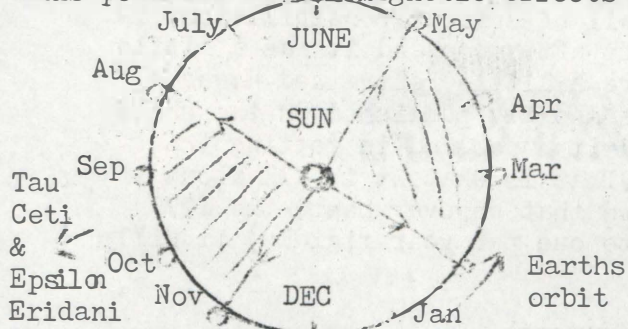
UNDERGROUND NOISES IN NOTTINGHAM: By Brian Ratcliffe

The Nottingham Evening Post of May 18th featured a story about an estate where people are being kept awake at night by underground blasting sounds. The coal board deny responsibility and no explanation has been forthcoming. There seems to be a connection with the unexplained tremours at Stoke on Trent. Over recent months these tremours and the Nottingham explosions have followed each other closely. There appears to be an arc of mysterious explosions between 4 and 7 miles north of Nottingham, moving in a line east west towards Stoke. As a Miner myself I know that it is both illegal and far too dangerous for these to possibly be coal excavating. High pitched whinings have also been heard in the same area at Hucnall. These were explained as jet engine testings, but denied by the RAF (who had soundproofed their sheds). However, they halted tests for a week and the noises went on! In June 1975 a friend and I heard and felt several air shock waves from my garden. No aircraft was seen or heard. If UFOs operated in natural fault regions they could easily camouflage their underground activities, since these would be passed off as normal earth reactions. What do you think?

UFO CYCLES - POSSIBLE RELATIONS: Derick Shelton

I was interested in the article 'UFOS - Psychological factors' in the May News. I often used to wonder why we had peaks of UFO activity around August and lows in February. I tried to relate it to $2\frac{1}{2}$, 5 and 10 year flap periods. I also wondered if there might be some connection with the sunspot maxima of 11.1 years. (This is of course a mean cycle as the separation varies. On average the fall after a maxima occupies 6.5 years and the rise to a new maxima 4.6 years)

Considering monthly totals the 'low' period is exactly opposite the 'high', and I have speculated if this is to do with the earths position in space. IF Ufos are extraterrestrial and IF they use some form of teleportation (through some kind of hyperspace) then perhaps our earths relation to the sun in February to April interferes with this process. In the high period we just might be wide open for the particular region of space where most ufos come from. It has been speculated that some ufos come from Tau Ceti or Epsilon Eridani and in the high period (especially October and November) we are wide open for here, whereas in February and April the Sun is directly between earth and those regions. The Suns powerful electromagnetic effects might also be relevant as an interference.



The larger cycles could be explained in a similar manner by assuming long periods of rotation from the UFOs home world. Eg if it took ten years to revolve only for a short period during this time would the alignment of earth and the home world be at minimum interference by the sun of the home worlds system. Perhaps the varying cycles we see all mixed up in ufology are caused by there being more than one

home world with differing rotation periods and consequently differing times when interference would be a minimum. Its an interesting field for research, (Certainly one has to remember that the earths orbit is ELLIPTICAL and hence the situation is not as simple as the diagram shows. Any comments? EDITOR)

CONTACTEE CASE IN NORTHERN IRELAND:

A short mention of this case was made in the NUFON News for April 1976. It has been developing in a most intriguing manner, and Miles Johnstone and John Hinde of BUFORA (Ireland) are monitoring progress. It is possible that a full separate report on the case will be published, since it is full of detail. Firstly, however, investigation is proceeding with caution (and a Psychologist is being called into listen to the taped interviews with the witness). Contacts are still going on allegedly and the aliens wish her to write a book. She has given graphic descriptions of the aliens and their craft, though there are definite indications of subjective elements in her statements. She also makes certain Adamski-ish comments such as 'some ufonauts live on the dark side of the moon'. (Apparently our scientists have been told that they do not need to use spacesuits since the aliens can biologically adapt lifeforms to live on the moon and elsewhere). She claims that the aliens give her information about the future. Certain things you can watch out for are Princess Anne having twins and a new country (possibly Canada) joining the common market in about 1977. With a case such as this one has to use discretion, although there do not appear to be signs of paranoia in the witness. BUFORA (Ireland) are maintaining scientific scruples and trying to procure 'hard' evidence (eg she claims she could photograph them if she had a polaroid camera - though she has an ordinary one but does not think it would work!). More news on progress when available.

HISTORICAL CASE SUMMARIES: Ian Cresswell

An interesting case extracted from FSR by Ian for the files concerns a landed UFO seen on a late Summers evening in 1959 by four RAF personnel somewhere in Lincolnshire. They confronted the object which was emitting a beam of light. When this was struck by the cars headlamps it was drawn up slowly into the body of the craft. Ian asks if SUFORs have any more information on this case???

A most interesting addition to the report featured elsewhere in this issue (7117) concerns an orange coloured plate shaped object seen at Bromley Cross near Bolton around midnight in LATE MAY 1971 (note date). The story was reported in the Bolton Evening News on June 1st 1971, but few other details are known. Could there be a connection? If there is it is very interesting that Ian should have brought this to light exactly when MUFORA and DIGAP were discovering the report featured elsewhere.

NOTES ON PREVIOUS CASES:

Case 7616 (See NUN April & May 1976). Several additional points are to be noted from further work by UFOSIS. i) The house faces NORTH WEST on a bearing of 295 ii) The witness now claims (in a written statement) that she saw the object firstly from her bedroom window. She did not at first mention this fact because her husband was in the room and she could not show it to the investigator who first called (iii) the area has been searched and from comments by neighbours it would appear that the associated noise was NOT connected with the object but with a local factory (it being quite a common occurrence). No other witnesses were found.

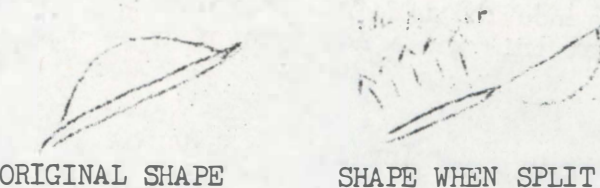
CURRENT SIGHTING REPORTS:

6204 Unknown 1962 Rotton Park, Birmingham Investigation: UFOSIS

It was a clear and sunny day. The witness was setting off for work when he noticed a round glowing object in the east which was hovering. It remained stationary for about 30 seconds and then shot away northwards.

7117 May 31 1971 Harwood, Bolton Investigation: MUFORA

A young housewife was witness to this object along with her husband and another two couples. It was in view intermittently for two hours from about 1am onwards. When first seen it was conical in shape, but it then appeared as a plate with a hazy portion on top. It was orange in colour and the apparant size of a large grapefruit at arms length. It also seemed to be revolving and emitting a buzzing noise. At one point whilst watching it the object split into two parts, the top separating off. White light was now emitted upwards from the lower portion.



The original shape then returned. It finally disappeared by rushing away suddenly and growing smaller in size and vanishing.

7219 September 1972 Hampstead, Birmingham Investigation: UFOSIS

At 20.30 to 21.00 the witness, former RAF and private pilot with extensive observing ability, was in his living room. He saw what at first appeared a white light moving towards him from the east. The altitude was estimated to be between 3000 and 5000 feet. He watched it for ten minutes as it remained stationary in one position and then went outside. The shape was clearly discernable and there were lights coming out of what looked like portholes on the underside. The witnesses wife came out for a moment but returned indoors frightened. The object moved off suddenly north west and accelerated out of view within twenty seconds. Total duration 15 - 25 minutes.



75/129 January 4 1975 Alder Hey, Liverpool Investigation: WUFOS

The witness is a 13 year old boy. He was standing outside a hospital when he saw a round reddish light move slowly and steadily across the sky, eastwards. He claims it was in view for ten minutes but WUFOS feel that this is an exaggeration, and that this was most likely a satellite.

85/130 February 20 1975 Birmingham Investigation: BUFORA

A young boy and his friend were watching the stars in the garden at 6.05 pm. They saw what at first they took to be an aircraft, oval in shape with red and white flashing lights around it. Then a small red object came out of the larger object, floated away a little before returning and vanishing. The

lights on the large object now went out and it too vanished. Duration six minutes.

85/131 October 1 1975 Kings Lynn Investigation: WUFOS

An architect had been visiting his sister at the University of East Anglia. They were stretched by the car looking at a clear sky. A stationary amoeboid shape appeared which then started to change into a jet aircraft, leaving a vapour trail and moving west south west. The jet then turned, reflecting sunlight and just disappeared without a trace. Duration one minute.

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December 29 1975

Bromborough, Wirral

Investigation: WUFOS

The witness is a trainee accountant, aged 18. He describes a row of three white lights, the centre one flashing. It remained stationary for five minutes and then moved away. This is reminiscent of the Swinton reports of December 12 & 13 (See NUFON Report 1975).

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Early 1976

Whitby, Cleveland

Investigation: B.YORKS

A man driving west towards Middlesborough suddenly saw a bright orange crescent shape, apparently below a cloudy sky. He watched it for a few minutes and then it faded from sight. A few moments later it reassembled, out of little dots of light which kept appearing. It was now to the west of its previous appearance. It faded a second time and again reappeared in the north. All told it was in view 20 minutes, before the witness lost sight of it owing to the topography of the area.

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April 20 1976

Leeds

Investigation: B.YORKS

All the details that are known is that a comet-like object was seen, between 19.30 and 21.00 on the above date. The source is the Yorks Evening Post 28/4/76

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April 23 1976

Samlesbury, Preston

Investigation: FAPURG

A young woman reported a white object, which was shaped like a small version of the Concorde moving slowly and silently in the distance. The time was 16.15. On checking with nearby BAC Warton it would appear that this was a new type of experimental aircraft that they are testing.

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April 30 1976

Birkenhead, Merseyside

Investigation: WUFOS

An amateur astronomer describes two yellowish points of light moving on the same path through the constellation of Hercules. They were separated by about 15 degrees of arc and in view One minute. Almost certainly these were satellites. Time 00.40.

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May 13 1976

Lymm, Cheshire

Investigation: CONTACT

This story was publicised in local and national press, but explained away as 'the mystery helicopter' we have heard so much about in recent years. Principally it involves two policemen who in the early hours of the morning spotted a bright light flying low amongst trees and descending into a field. They chased after it but were unable to find any trace. John Longhorn of Contact UK lives right on the scene and knows the police well. They are cooperating fully and he will prepare a full report on this case as soon as measurements etc are taken.

PROJECT PENNINE::
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Work on the project is now underway, with the assistance of DIGAP, MUFORA and RIGAP initially. Statements about the project have been placed in the local press with some good response. Many cases are still under investigation but the following four interesting cases all stem from this publicity. Many thanks are due to investigators Peter Hough (MUFORA) and Arthur Tomlinson (DIGAP) for following up most of the enclosed details.

THE MOSSLEY COMMON CLOSE ENCOUNTER (Case 7463) October 14 1974
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As the investigators comment in their report it is a great pity that this case was not reported at the time, as there is a distinct possibility that traces might have been left.

The area concerned is a small community to the west of Manchester. To the south the ground slopes towards the Bridgewater Canal and several miles of woodland and open moss. There are farms and disused mines in the area. The OS REF is Sheet 101: 727014

The witnesses were Mr & Mrs Haughton. They had just celebrated Mrs Haughton's 65th birthday and retired late to bed. Mr Haughton is a former miner and has a chest complaint. He and curatins open.

Witness's Home

Trees

Landing here?

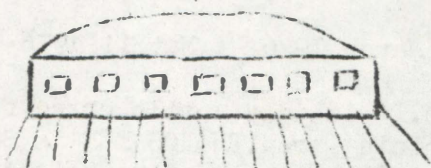
Open Land

Object left this path

Oliver Farm

THE SIGHTING AREA & PATH OF OBJECT
consequently sleeps with the window

At 11.00 he was awakened because the room was filled with white light. He roused his wife who asked why he had put the light on. Thinking there was an accident Mrs Houghton got out of bed and went to the window. She said 'Ooh - its a flying saucer!' Mr Houghton now got out of bed also and saw the object depicted below about eighty yards



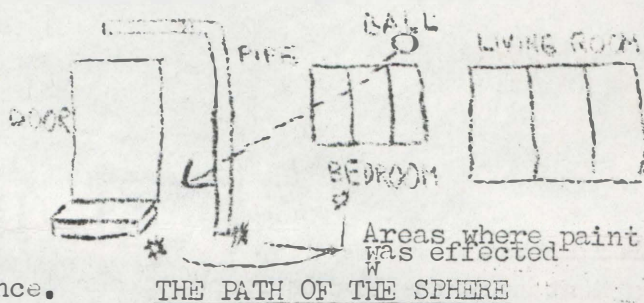
away through the trees. The size was estimated in comparison with the side of a house as about 40 feet. The brilliant white glow was surrounding the object and coming into the house. It was shining out of seven square windows which were surrounded by clear frames. There was no sound at all.

The object rose slowly from close to ground height and hovered over the trees. It remained there for 5-10 minutes, before moving away at a height little more than the roof tops (their home is a bungalow). After a few seconds it accelerated suddenly and streaked away. As it accelerated the light dimmed perceptibly. For a few moments afterwards an orange outline remained above the trees (although this may have been an after image caused by the brightness of the source). Mrs Houghton could not get back to sleep 'in case it had dropped somebody off'. The following morning they told a few people and were ridiculed. They asked the woman who lives at the Oliver Farm but she said she had seen nothing, and accused them of scaremongering. After this they decided not to say anything to anyone. The investigators are convinced of the genuineness of the report. No traces are visible, and owing to the sloping ground it may be that the object was never actually landed, although it must have been close to this.

CONTACTEE EXPERIENCE IN LITTLE LEVER (Case 6403) Spring 1964

The witness is an elderly lady Mrs L. She has had four UFO sightings all told. One in 1949 (where she saw a disc along with her sister) does not concern us here, and one in 1967 (where she saw a long object with rows of windows and bench seats with figures sat bolt upright on them) is also not relevant to this experience.

Little Lever is situated a mile or so south east of Bolton and is fairly residential. The witness herself was a little hazy on detail and did tend to jump about a bit, but she stuck rigidly to her story saying that she well realised that nobody would believe her but that it was all true. Some of the details MAY be subjective, but the possibility is that these are based on a factual experience.



In Spring 1964 she was awakened at 01.30 by a whirring noise outside. The bedroom was flooded with an orange glow and when she went to the window she saw a small orange ball. It was close to the window and seemed to move away and grow brighter. It then exploded into thousands of pieces without any sound. This was not the end of the incident as chattering noises were heard outside. They sounded like angry and distressed voices though she could see nobody nor understand any words. The following morning suddenly the window frame, the door and the drainpipe were found to be burnt. The drain pipe was also cracked. These were the closest to where the glowing ball had been. All other windows and doors were untouched. Since that date four coats of paint have been applied and NONE have stuck. The paint did not flake gently it FELL OFF as Mrs L watched from the garden. She kept a sample of the second coat applied and this has been secured for analysis. Twelve years later investigators found the paint blotchy and bubbled in just these spots. Everywhere else (including a drainpipe right next to the troublesome one) was untouched.

Approximately three months later she was awoken by a small figure in her room. She propped herself up and it came closer. In height it was five feet tall. Humanoid in shape, but no detectable features. It was covered by a suit made of hundreds of round grey rings, about one inch in diameter. He told her he was one of three ufonauts from the exploded ball who were stranded in Little Lever. Then he vanished.



THE HUMANOID

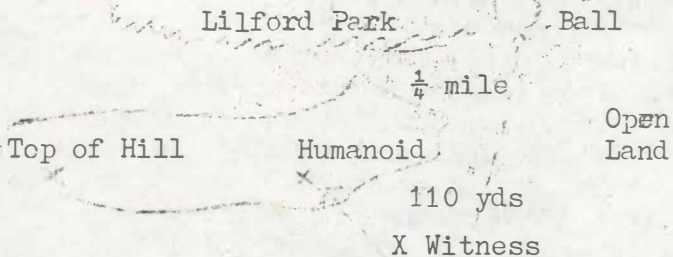
Some while later all three beings came into her room. They were dressed similarly, though one was tubby. They said they had come to see her because she had not been afraid. She asked where they came from and the letters P L U T O appeared in mid air. Then they vanished. She had to look up in a book what the letters meant.

Her final contact came in 1968 when something willed her to go to the window. Here she saw an orange ball floating across the sky. She feels sure that the stranded ufonauts were being picked up and taken home, and that they were saying goodbye.

If anyone is aware of any parallel case to this one in historical records MUFORA and DIGAP would like to know about it.

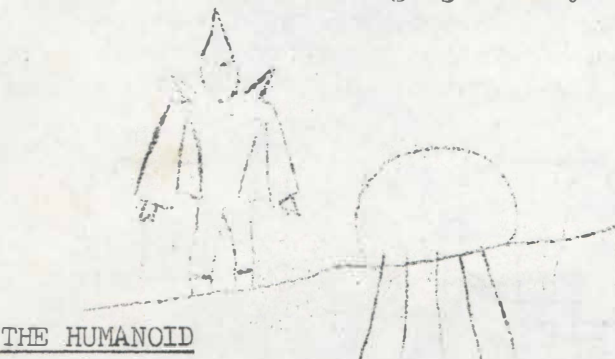
HUMANOID SEEN AT HIGHER FOLD (Case 7637 & 7638) March 1976 May 11 1976
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Higher Fold is a housing estate just east of Leigh. It is only a mile or so from Mossley Common (see report 7463) and is in a NCB mining area. The OS REF is Sheet 101: 676008. The witness is a Mrs Kent. To deal briefly with the first sighting (in early March). She was waiting with a male companion at a bus stop waiting to go to work when she saw an orange ball which was dull and very large ('as large as a room'). It was continually descending a little way and then pulling up sharply. The time was 06.40 and the ball was still visible as they boarded the bus. It was over in the direction of Lilford Park (which is to the north north west)



THE LOCATION OF THE SIGHTINGS

At 06.15 on May 11th she went round to her daughters, who lives nearby, to take a pair of tights. As she reached the main road she saw a figure standing on a small hill. He was standing perfectly still, like a manniken, and looking out over the estate. His arms were hanging down by his side. He was completely dressed in silver



THE HUMANOID

with what appeared to be a cloak, a pointed hat and lapels which pointed sharply upwards. Tops of boots were also visible. She was not able to see the features of his face. To his side, on the right, was a sphere of the same silvery colour. It was perfectly smooth and the glare was similar to polished metal reflecting sunlight. There was white light beaming down from its underside to the road below.

Mrs Kent took the tights round to her daughter and on return at 06.20 the figure was still there, still standing stupidly. She became somewhat frightened now and returned home by a different route so that he could not see where she was going and try to follow her. When she returned at 06.40 to go to work the figure and the sphere had vanished.

The hill in question is a man made one, which used to be a slag heap. It has been grassed over, and sports trees and abundant grass. Indeed when investigators heard of the story and looked at the spot the grass had recently been cut. Consequently it was difficult to tell if any traces were left. However, a semi circle of twelve foot diameter was found cut into the grass. It seems most probable that this was caused by the machine which actually cut the grass.

The sphere itself was described as only coming about half way up the figure, but it is possible that the reason for this was topographical in that the sphere could actually have been further back on the hill and in reality much larger than it appears. In circumstances such as this case one should also have to consider the practicality of a hoax perpetrated BY someone on Mrs Kent. Since the figure looked like a minniken - could it have been one?

A final point of interest is to note that it was Lilford Park where Barry Yates took his second series of photographs (see Report 7619 April issue). The two dates when he obtained these pictures of the mysterious patches of light were in late February and early March. Unfortunately Mrs Kent is not able to coöperate the exact date when the orange ball appeared, but it is interesting that this small area should produce all these intriguing cases in so short a period of time.

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